

# PILL BOTTLE PROGRAM



## **RESCUING EXCESS PLASTIC FROM LANDFILLS**

In developing countries, medicines are often dispensed into hands, leaves, or any other available containers. Matthew 25: Ministries accepts donations of clean, empty plastic pill bottles to help improve these situations.

Recycling only a portion of the millions of plastic prescription bottles that are used by pharmacies each month results in significant energy conservation and greenhouse gas reduction.

You can help improve the quality of our environment and health care in hospitals and health clinics in developing countries by saving and donating basic medical supplies such as pill bottles.

## **PILL BOTTLE DONATIONS**

Donations of empty plastic pill bottles serve two purposes:

- Helping the poorest of the poor by providing a way to distribute medicine in capped, unlabeled, and sanitized containers
- Helping the environment by keeping thousands of bottles out of landfills each year

Matthew 25: Ministries accepts the following types of empty plastic pill bottles:

- Prescription and over-the-counter pill bottles
- Large and small pill bottles
- Pill bottles with/without child-resistant caps

## **PILL BOTTLE DONATION GUIDELINES**

- It is your responsibility to ensure the privacy of your medical information by removing labels prior to donating your empty pill bottles
- We recommend sending pill bottles without medical labels and prefer ones that have been thoroughly rinsed
- Matthew 25: Ministries does not have the capability to wash or prepare pill bottles on-site
- Sanitized, bagged pill bottles that are prepared as described on our website and donated by individuals, small groups, and organizations may be blended together with other medical items and packaged onto pallets for shipment

Pill bottles that are not appropriate to include with shipments of medical supplies are recycled and may generate revenue that supports Matthew 25: Ministries' programs.

Please visit [m25m.org/pillbottles](https://m25m.org/pillbottles) for more information.



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